

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 3 Week 8

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

Over the past week I have been involved in a number of rolls in a range of sporting codes. From spectator to selector, from coach to supporter, and reflecting back on these experiences I would like to share some observations with you.

Firstly children succeed in sport when they enjoy the sport and are playing it because it is something that they want to do. Often you will see children who have been pushed by their parents drop out at high school because they had become so afraid of failing that sport was not enjoyable.

The rule of ten thousand definitely is still a major factor, that is that to achieve at a high level you need to put in a minimum of ten thousand hours at your selected sport, but if you want children to put in anything like this level of effort then two factors are vital: they must have excellent support and they must enjoy what they are doing—feel part of a team or group.

My daughter's hockey team has had a very successful season and the reason for this lies in their coaches ability to take a diverse group of girls ranging in age from 13-18 and including a national representative and some who only play for the school, and welding them into a team.

She was able to achieve this by her own skills but also by the fact that the older members in her team were real leaders. Despite the fact; in one case they could have been playing for New Zealand one day and the next playing against South Otago, there was no self aggrandisement or self promotion but rather they emphasized the no 'I' in team saying.

The rest of the team responded to this leadership. There was no talking down but only encouragement, no rebukes yelled but only encouragement, no snide remarks but rather support for a common goal.

I would suggest that sport here becomes a metaphor for life, if we want our team to succeed we need to focus on the collective not on our own aspirations.

Have a great week

Mike Brosnahan

First Holy Communion on Sunday



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Calendar of Events

September

- 11th Star Lab Museum Trip Rooms 1-5
- 12th International Literacy Day
Altrusa Great Read 11.15am
- 12th BOT Meeting 7.30pm
- 14th Cross Country Champs—selected pupils
- 14th PTA Sausage Sizzle
- 17th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
- 19th Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Evening
7pm -see notice for details
- 26/27th -School Musical
- 28th End of Term 3

October

- 15th October Term 4 begins
- 18th October Mufti Day—Grocery Item for Fair
- 24th Senior Class 2013 Information Evening
- 28th School Fair!

Senior Class 2013 Information Evening -24th October

Mrs Baines will lead a parent information evening for parents and pupils in our senior class for 2013.

At this meeting Mrs Baines will be able to explain:

The strategic planning for her class for next year, the range of new activities that will be available and her general organization and expectations.

The pupils for our senior class for 2013 will be in a unique position as they will be our school leaders in our new school and this meeting will present an opportunity to discuss these matters.

A thought for the week...

This above all:

To thine own self be true.

-William Shakespeare

Altar Servers Sunday 16th September

Mitchell & Mason Cumming, Bridget O'Neill

PTA News

The school disco was great, thank you to all the families that came along and had a fun evening!



School Fair—28th October

Only 7 Weeks till the Fair!

Watch out for Fair Notices in your child's bag!

White Elephant—Elegant Junk!

The White Elephant room in the hall is ready and waiting to be filled!

Books: both children's and adults; Kitchen Items, Clothes, Toys, Puzzles and Games, Sports Gear all sell really well.

This year we are unable to accept TV's, mattresses, and large furniture items. Thanks. Please drop off donations to the foyer by the school office or see Pauline in the office for a key to deliver directly into the hall.

Plant Pots—urgently wanted

Nicky would like plant pots to transplant into, please send any small-medium size pots to the school office foyer.

Raffle Cards

The Raffle raises a lot of money towards the school fair. The raffle cards will go home today with your Fair Notice. Please try and sell as many as possible as this is a very quick way to raise money for our school. We have two different cards each with five prize draws, great value for \$1. If you can sell extra cards you can get more from the school office.

St Mary's Mosgiel has registered to enter this competition!

We are having a great response to this competition, thank you! Please keep collecting these stickers! You will find them on the Meadow Fresh Milk, Flavoured Milk and Yoghurt Products.

Each child has been given a collection sheet to put the Meadow Fresh stickers on.

Please ask family, friends, and neighbours to help collect these stickers, they are found on milk and yoghurt products.

If you know people who work in a café or rest homes, businesses etc they may be happy to collect them for you?

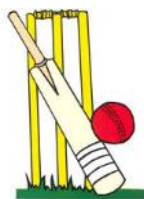
When your collection sheet is full bring to the school office, I have more collection sheets available.

They will all be tallied up and sent to Meadow Fresh to go into a draw to win for Art and Sports gear for our school!



Taieri Junior Cricket Club Registration

For boys and girls 5 to 12 years old
Saturday September 15th, 10am to 12, and
Tuesday September 18th,
6pm to 8pm
Brooklands Park, Church
Street, Mosgiel.
For information contact
Donna Phone 4892342



Register for T Ball

T Ball is played every Saturday morning at Bathgate Park in Term 4 and Term 1. Children can join a school T Ball team from 5 years up.

If you wish your child to play T Ball for St Mary's please put their name down at the school office.

(The cost is usually about \$30 for the two terms.)



Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Information

Wednesday 19th September 7pm

As part of our schools Health Programme we teach a programme called "Keeping Ourselves Safe" alongside the New Zealand Police.

This programme is designed to teach our pupils simple, common sense age appropriate strategies to ensure that they have the skills to keep themselves safe.

To ensure that parents are fully informed about this programme we will be holding a parent night on Wednesday 19th September at 7pm in the foyer.

Kapahaka

There will be **no Kapahaka** after school until further notice.



NATIONAL GIRLS' FOOTBALL (SOCCER) WEEK (17th - 21st September 2012)

Monday 17th September
5.30-6.30pm, AGE 7-12yrs
Mosgiel - Memorial Park

Bring a girlfriend or yourself and come and try the beautiful game of Football in an all-girls environment.

Senior Camp at Queenstown

